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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(April 6, 1953 - April 13, 1953)

1. NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEMS CONCERNING FREE WORLD PETROLEUM DEMANDS AND POTENTIAL SUPPLIES
(NSC Action Nos. 697 and 756; NSC 138/1)
2. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY
(NSC Action No. 757)

II. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THEIR COSTS

(NSC 149, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3 and Annex to 135/1, 135, 141, 142, 145; Memo for NSC, April 2, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies", February 6 and 18, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies: The Military Program", March 24, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies: The Mutual Security Program", March 20, 24 and 30, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Budget Considerations Bearing on the NSC Review of Basic National Security Policies", March 5, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Cost of National Security Programs", February 24, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Budget Outlook Based on Programs of Previous Administration", February 17, 1953; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, subject, "Reexamination of United States Programs for National Security", January 23, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 668, 705-b, 726, 730, 733, 743, 744-a, 747, 752-b and 762)

ORIGIN: The Council on February 4 noted an oral report by Mr. Cutler of the President's desire that the Council initiate discussion of the basic over-all policies in NSC 20/4, 68/2, 135/3 and 141 at its next meeting on the basis of summaries to be circulated.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting (a) further study of Part I of NSC 149 and (b) outlines due April 20, along the lines of Part II of NSC 149 (as revised by the summary report by the Special Assistant to the President for Atomic Energy Matters dated March 31, 1953) of the respective Military, Mutual Security and Atomic Energy Programs for FY 1954 and FY 1955 from the Secretary of Defense, the Director for Mutual Security and the Atomic Energy Commission.

2. UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST (NSC 148; NSC Action 758; NSC 48/5; NIE-47)

ORIGIN: Draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the Planning Board, was submitted for Council consideration as NSC 148, together with a Far East Financial Summary and an annex constituting an NSC staff study on Communist China.

UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST (Cont'd)

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting further study by the Council and analysis and screening of the figures in the Far East Financial Summary by the Bureau of the Budget, in collaboration with the responsible departments and agencies.

3. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
(NSC 147; NSC Action No. 759; NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC, subject, "Future Courses of Action in Connection with the Situation in Korea", March 30, 1953; NIE-80; SE-41)

ORIGIN: Report on the subject prepared by the NSC Planning Board in the light of the estimate of the JCS transmitted by the reference memo of March 30, was submitted as NSC 147 for the consideration of the Council. NSC 147 also sets forth possible methods of meeting the problem of reimbursement of the United States for logistic support of other UN forces in Korea.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting further study by the Council.

4. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA
(NSC 146 and Annex to NSC 146; NSC Action Nos. 760, 624; NSC 128, 48/5; SE-29; NIE-27/1; Memos for NSC, April 6 and 7, 1953)

ORIGIN: The Council on April 2 directed the NSC Staff, after preliminary discussion by State, Defense and CIA, to prepare a report for Council consideration in the light of a review of NSC 48/5, insofar as it pertains to U.S. policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the JCS, contained in NSC 128, (NSC Action No. 624-b)

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting further study by the Council of NSC 146 as amended by the reference memo of April 6.

5. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE PRESENT SITUATION IN IRAN
(Progress Report, March 20, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on Paragraph 5-a of NSC 136/1)

ORIGIN: The reference progress report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

CURRENT STATUS: To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

III. CURRENT NSC PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

1. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEAR EAST

(NSC 129/1; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 17, 1953, Record of Meeting of Planning Board on April 10, 1953)

ORIGIN: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions including this policy question.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at its meeting on April 15 of a revision of the report of March 17 being prepared by the Board Assistants.

2. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN

(NSC 125/4; NSC Action No. 761; NSC 125/2; Annexes to NSC 125/1; NSC 125/3 and Annex to 125/3; NSC Action No. 660; Memo for NSC, August 7, 1952; NIE-52)

ORIGIN: In connection with the President's approval of NSC 125/2, he directed that the general structure of a U.S. program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 thereof should, where suitable, be explored by the Department of State in consultation with the Departments of Defense and Commerce, the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, the Office of Defense Mobilization and other appropriate agencies, and that the main elements of such a program should be reported back to the Council at the earliest possible time (reference memo of August 7).

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting revision of NSC 125/4 by the Planning Board pursuant to NSC Action No. 761-a to take account of the question of the long-term viability of the economy of Japan deprived of the raw materials and markets of the Chinese mainland. Scheduled for consideration at the meeting of the Planning Board on April 15. (See also related project above.)

3. NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

ORIGIN: Draft NSC determination of the U.S. national security interests in the St. Lawrence Waterway was circulated at the meeting of the Planning Board on April 13, 1953.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at its meeting on April 15.

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4. CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE USSR
(Memo for Senior NSC Staff, "Armaments and American Policy", February 4, 1953; Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings, September 6, 1950, February 23, May 24, and July 10, 1951, and January 27, 29 and April 8, 1953; NSC 79, 112, NSC Action No. 725; Memo for NSC, "United States and Allied Objectives in the Event of Global War", September 6, 1950) (See also related project, Armaments and American Policy)

ORIGIN: On September 6, 1950, the Senior Staff discussed NSC 79 and designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include (1) a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, as recommended by the JCS, and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U.S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project should be completed in two sections and that the section of the above subject including a plan for reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces should be completed as a matter of priority.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting continued discussion of the subject at the April 13 and 20 meetings of the Planning Board, in the light of recent Soviet peace moves, with a view to preparing recommendations for Council consideration. (See also related project below.)

5. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING EAST GERMANY)
(NSC 58/2; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Record of Senior NSC Staff Meeting on January 29, 1953.)

ORIGIN: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at an early meeting of the draft statement of policy and staff study on the subject of March 3 prepared by State. Tentatively scheduled for consideration at the meeting of the Planning Board on April 22.

6. U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC
(NSC Action No. 738; NSC 104/2, 91/1; 122/1; Memo for NSC Planning Board, March 30, 1953; Progress Report, January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2.)

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U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC (Cont'd)

ORIGIN: The Council on March 18, 1953 directed the NSC Planning Board, with the participation of the Department of Commerce, to review the existing policy on this subject (NSC 104/2) and submit appropriate recommendations for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 738).

CURRENT STATUS: Tentatively scheduled for review by the Planning Board at its meeting on April 24.

7. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97, 97/2; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff of August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff, July 24 and December 22, 1952, March 5 and 10, 1953; Memo for NSC Planning Board, April 6 and 10; Memo for NSC, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592; Record of meeting of Senior Staff, January 27, 1953, and meeting of Planning Board, April 10, 1953)

ORIGIN: Interim recommendations on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in response to a letter from the Secretary of Defense (NSC 97) were approved by the President upon the recommendation of the NSC as NSC 97/2.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting preparation of a revised draft statement of policy by the Board Assistants based on the drafts of March 5 and April 6. Tentatively scheduled for Planning Board consideration at the meeting on April 24. (See also related project below.)

8. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA

(NSC 98/1; Record of Senior Staff meeting on January 29, 1953)

ORIGIN: The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

9. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

(Memos for Senior NSC Staff of February 4, March 12, and April 2, 1953; NSC Action No. 725)

ORIGIN: The NSC, on February 25, 1953, after discussing recommendations of the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmament contained in the report on the subject (reference memo of February 4), referred the report to the Senior NSC Staff, directing it, with the assistance of Dr. Vannevar Bush, to report back to the Council on possible means of carrying out the recommendations (NSC Action No. 725).

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting preparation of a revision of the report of April 2 by the ad hoc committee on the subject in the light of the discussion at the Planning Board meeting on April 10 and comments to be submitted informally to the Committee by the Planning Board Members.

10. RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS

(Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff on November 27, 1951, and of Planning Board on April 10, 1953; NSC 97/2, 129/1, 136/1)

ORIGIN: The Senior NSC Staff on November 27, 1951 agreed that, in connection with but not necessarily as a part of the Mediterranean and Middle East project (see NSC 129/1 and NSC 136/1), the Department of Defense should prepare a study of the cost of the military effort in terms of feasibility, time and material, and the forces required to ensure the continued availability of oil from the Bahrain-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area, and the Office of Defense Mobilization should prepare a study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from that area.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting preparation by the Planning Board of a report on the National petroleum program (see project above).

11. ELIGIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED U.S. SECURITY INFORMATION

(Memos for NSC Planning Board, March 25 and April 6, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Eligibility of Foreign Representatives to Receive Classified Information", June 14 and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507)

ORIGIN: Draft Presidential directive, a report and proposed regulations on the subject, prepared by the

ELIGIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS
TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED U.S. SECURITY INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, 1951 for consideration by the Council.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting preparation by the NSC Representative on Internal Security in consultation with the members of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security and the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference of a revised draft directive on the subject based on the discussion at the Planning Board Meeting on April 13.

12. JAPANESE PEACE TREATY ISLANDS
(Para. 3, NSC 125/4)

ORIGIN: The Planning Board requested the Department of State and Defense to state their respective positions by April 15 on the question of whether the U.S. should maintain the status quo in the entire group of islands mentioned in Article 3 of the Peace Treaty, or whether it should return certain of these islands to Japan.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at its meeting on May 15 on the basis of reports by the Departments of State and Defense. (See also related project below.)

13. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH
RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA
(NSC 144/1; Annex to NSC 144)

ORIGIN: NSC 144/1, approved by the President on March 18, stated (para.3) that its limited purpose was to define our objectives and courses of action concerning important problems common to the area; policies toward specific country situations, such as those in Argentina and Guatemala, were left for subsequent papers.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting reports on specific country situations in Latin America from State (including especially Panama, Argentina, Guatemala, Chile, Venezuela and Brazil).

14. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO
YUGOSLAVIA
(NSC 18/2; NSC 18/6)

ORIGIN: The Senior Staff on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several

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THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO
YUGOSLAVIA (Cont'd)

urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

15. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AFRICA
(Memos for Senior NSC Staff, March 4 and 16, 1953; NIE-69 and Supplement)

ORIGIN: Draft statement of policy and staff study prepared by State were transmitted by reference memo of March 4 for consideration by the Senior Staff.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board at an early meeting of the revised statement of policy and financial appendix of March 16 prepared by Staff Assistants.

16. NSC 26 SERIES
(Progress Report, March 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 26 Series; NSC Action No. 753)

ORIGIN: The Council on March 25 noted the reference progress report on the subject and that the Department of State is preparing a proposed revision of this policy for Council consideration. (NSC Action No. 753).

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting report by State.

17. UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC September 6, 1950; Records of Senior Staff meetings on September 6, 1950 and February 23, 1951; Memo for Senior Defense, JCS and CIA members, January 14, 1953)

ORIGIN: JCS memo (NSC 79) was circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff. The Senior Staff on September 6, 1950, designated an ad hoc group to draft a report on (1) war objectives in the event of global war and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions the U.S. would be willing to accept for peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites (see also related project above).

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UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT
OF GLOBAL WAR (Cont'd)

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting report on the first of the above questions by an ad hoc committee (designated by State, Defense, JCS and CIA) based on its study of a preliminary draft report prepared by the Policy Planning Staff of State (reference memo of January 14).

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IV. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

1. PROPOSAL FOR A VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS
(NSC 143; NSC Action No. 724; Memo for NSC, February 24, 1953)

ORIGIN: In a memo to the Executive Secretary of NSC, February 14, 1953 (NSC 143) the President outlined a proposal for a "Volunteer Freedom Corps", and requested that it be scheduled for early study by the Council. The Council approved in principle the proposal and agreed that an ad hoc committee should study its feasibility and prepare a detailed plan for its effectuation for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 724).

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting report by the ad hoc committee.

2. THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY
(NSC Action Nos. 612 and 710; NSC 137, 137/1, 66/1; Memo for NSC, March 26, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "The Need for Immediate Review and Later Establishment of National Policy on the Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of its Use on National Security", February 5, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America with Regard to Soviet Jamming", January 2, February 26 and 29, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Potential Soviet Attack on our Essential Communications Systems and Organizations", January 26, 1951)

ORIGIN: At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Telecommunications Adviser to the President, pursuant to NSC Action No. 710, and consideration by the Council of these reports together with the report of the President's Committee on International Information Activities transmitted by the reference memo of March 26.

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3. A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(NSC 140; Memo for NSC, October 21, 1952; Memos for NSC, June 5, July 17 and 30, August 30, 1951, and November 21, 25, 26, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", November 25, 1952; NSC Action Nos. 519, 543, 687, and 699; SE-14)

ORIGIN: The Council on November 26, 1952 (NSC Action No. 687-a) received a summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the Continental United States (reference memos of October 21 and November 25) prepared pursuant to NSC directive (reference memo of August 30, 1951). A directive prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b, to provide the basis for a more adequate evaluation was concurred in by the Council, approved by the President on January 19, and issued as NSC 140.

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting (a) summary evaluation of the USSR's net capability to inflict direct injury on the U.S. to be submitted by the Special Evaluation Sub-committee by May 15, pursuant to NSC 140, and (b) further consideration by the Council of the recommendation of the DCI contained in paragraph 5-c of the memo of the DCI transmitted by memo on October 21, as amended. (See NSC Action No. 687-c).

4. ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE

(NSC Action No. 651; NSC 131, 131/1; Memo for NSC, June 9, 1952)

ORIGIN: On May 16, 1952, the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator requested that a policy memorandum on the subject, which the FCDA was proposing to issue for the guidance of state and local civil defense forces, be referred to the NSC for such comments or action as was deemed appropriate (subsequently circulated as NSC 131).

CURRENT STATUS: Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting on June 18, 1952.

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